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ARMED CAREER CRIMINAL SENTENCED TO 15 YEARS FOR POSSESSION OF THREE HANDGUNS AND A SILENCER

PHOENIX – Larry James Rady, 51, of Glendale, Arizona, was sentenced here Monday to 180 months imprisonment by U.S. District Judge Frederick J. Martone. Rady had pleaded guilty on February 3, 2006 to being a felon in possession of three handguns and a silencer. Because Rady had previously been convicted of three or more crimes of violence, including assault with a deadly weapon and two armed robbery convictions, the Armed Career Criminal Act requires a mandatory minimum sentence of 180 months.

On April 8, 2004, pursuant to a search warrant, detectives from the Glendale Police Department searched a home in Glendale for evidence of an unrelated crime. In the bedroom identified as Rady's, detectives found a photograph (date-stamped March 3, 2004) of Rady holding a semi-automatic pistol. They also found assorted ammunition, a "cookbook" with instructions to convert a weapon to automatic, smoke grenades and night vision goggles. In the closet the detectives found court papers in Rady's name, in addition to a case with three handguns and a silencer manufactured in Florida. At the change of plea hearing Rady admitted that he knowingly possessed the weapons, and also admitted to a total of five convictions for crimes of violence between 1974 and 1994.

The investigation in this case was conducted by the U.S. Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives and the Glendale Police Department. The prosecution was handled by Gary M. Restaino, Assistant U.S. Attorney, District of Arizona, Phoenix.

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